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FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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1. IN THE PAST YEAR EMBASSY ABIDJAN HAS HAD ONLY ONE OCCASION TO DEAL WITH THE LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE. THIS INVOLVES CLEARANCE OF A REDRAFT OF THE CONTRACT WITH OUR EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, THROUGH WHICH CERTAIN LOCAL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED. THE MATTER IS STILL PENDING, BUT OUR INITIAL GUIDANCE FROM "L" WAS WELL PREPARED AND USEFUL.

2. THOUGH WE HAVE NOT OTHERWISE HAD TO SEEK LEGAL GUIDANCE FROM "L" OR OTHER BUREAUS, WE WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE NO HESITATION SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE, AND WITH EVERY EXPECTATION THAT THE RESPONSE WOULD BE PROMPT AND FORTHCOMING.

3. LOCAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS GENERALLY GOOD. A WASHINGTON LAW FIRM, DUNCAN, ALLEN AND MITCHELL, HAS RECENTLY OPENED AN OFFICE IN ABIDJAN STAFFED BY TWO HIGHLY COMPETENT AMERICAN ATTORNEYS. IVORIAN LAWYERS, THOUGH UNFAMILIAR WITH AMERICAN PRACTICE, ARE READILY
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